

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (previously presented) A fastener for connecting a back panel and a shoulder strap of a brassiere, comprising:

a first arm for engagement with the shoulder strap; and

a second arm connected to said first arm and at an angle with respect to said first arm, for engagement with a portion of the back panel,

wherein said fastener creates an angle between said shoulder strap and said back panel and biases said portion of said back panel downward toward a spine of a wearer.

2. (original) The fastener of claim 1, further comprising a wave portion.

3. (original) The fastener of claim 2, wherein said first arm, said second arm, and said wave portion form a triangular shape.

4. (original) The fastener of claim 2, wherein said wave portion has a flange.

5. (original) The fastener of claim 4, wherein said flange has a pair of tapered sides.

6. (original) The fastener of claim 5, wherein said pair of tapered sides are parallel to said first arm and said second arm.

7. (original) The fastener of claim 4, wherein said first arm, said second arm, and said wave portion form a heart shape.

8. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein said first arm and said second arm are connected together at one end to form a plane.

9. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein said first arm has a first end and a second end, and wherein said second arm has a first end and a second end.

10. (original) The fastener of claim 9, wherein said first end of said first arm and said first end of said second arm meet to form a plane.

11. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein said angle is about 24 to about 45 degrees.

12. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein said angle is about 27 to about 41 degrees.

13. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein said shoulder strap and said back panel are biased toward each other.

14. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein said shoulder strap and said back panel are biased away from each other.

15. (currently amended) A fastener for connecting a back panel and a shoulder strap of a brassiere, comprising:

a first arm for engagement with the shoulder strap, said first arm having a first end and a second end;

a second arm for engagement with the back panel, said second arm having a first end and a second end, said first end of said second arm being connected to said first end of said first arm to form a plane, said second end of said second arm forming an angle with respect to said second end of said first arm; and

a wave portion being between said first arm and said second arm,

wherein said fastener biases a portion of said back panel towards said shoulder strap.

16. (original) The fastener of claim 15, wherein said wave portion has a flange.

17. (original) The fastener of claim 16, wherein said flange has a pair of tapered sides.

18. (original) The fastener of claim 17, wherein said pair of tapered sides are parallel to said first arm and said second arm.

19. (original) The fastener of claim 15, wherein one of said first and second arms is angled with respect to the plane, while the other of the first and second arms is parallel to said plane.

20. (original) The fastener of claim 15, wherein said angle is about 24 to about 45 degrees.